



Ask your United States Research Question

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Question #1

Looking for records after 1860 for Andrew Hunter (born about 1828, South Carolina) and wife Jane Proctor (born about 1836, South Carolina). In 1860 Census they were enumerated in Kershaw County. I have no information about their parents or siblings. They were married 14 May 1856

- 1850-1870 census records
- Land records might indicate what town they're from. Then search church records. Land might give you relationships because they could've bought land from family members.
- Probate records for Andrew.
- Tax records for other Hunter families in the area.
- Civil war time period. Find out the town in Kershaw that might help you narrow down the land, the church
- Make a spreadsheet for all the Hunter's in the county with a chronological list with all of the records each person is found in.
- Civil War pension records
- See if they are living by family members in the census records.
- The library of Virginia has a lot of records, State Archives of South Carolina, public libraries that may have files with family members in the area.
- Search the Periodical Source Index. Free at findmypast at the Family History Library and Family History Centers. Heritage Quest may be available through your family history center.

Question #2

I am looking for Tericy CAMPBELL born 1809 Caldwell Co. Kentucky to unknown parents. It has been suggested that she is from the Eastern Cherokee Tribes but I am not familiar with that line of research.

- Do research in all the usual records: Church, land, census, see if you can find Tericy with her parents.
- That is an unusual first name which may help.
- Look at our FamilySearch WIKI for the tribe and the locality for Native Americans
- Most of the Indian censuses are later than this time period.
- You could try census records for their children. The census records are available at Ancestry.com
- Missouri death record depending on the county and if the records began that early.

- Because she married in Caldwell County, she was probably with her parents at the time of her marriage.
- Land records to find Campbell's living in the area, also church records if they are available, census records, try 1820 to see who had a daughter born at that time.
- None of the children were on Indian census rolls.
- There is a Cherokee website: See the Wiki and there should be a link. Just do a search for Cherokee and you will see all the information the library has for the tribe and links to websites.
- Court records may be available: court minutes, records, guardianships in case a father is deceased. Probate records may contain guardianship records also.
- See who her husband got land from in Caldwell County. It could be a relative of his or hers.
- Boundary changes for Caldwell County. Was it created from an earlier county where records will be available? If you look in our library catalog for the county it should tell you when the county was formed and from what counties it was formed from.
- Every change that was made to the county: Maps of the US.org. Great site to see the changes to counties.
- Also read the following article J Mark Lowe: <http://www.archives.com/experts/lowe-j-mark/border-jumping-researching-across-state-county-borders.html>
- Use a spreadsheet to put all of the Campbell's in the county in a spreadsheet to see how they may be related to your family or what interactions they may have had with your family.
- Local genealogical societies, historical societies, public libraries.
- Take the following Class: Inferential Genealogy by Dr. Tom Jones: It is in our learning center. Go to Familysearch.org, then on the right, Get Help and then go to the Learning Center. Do a search for Inferential Genealogy.
- Learn about the FamilySearch Wiki
- Also under get help is Help Center, Research Wiki, What's New, Remote Connect
- Native American Wiki general page, then look for Cherokee tribe pages. There will be links to records that are available at the library.
- Link to the Kentucky article in the Wiki: <https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Kentucky>
- Vital Chek is a paid site where you can order certificates.
- Each state page will have information about different categories: library, societies, vital records, etc.
- Historical newspapers: <https://sites.google.com/site/onlinenewspapersite/Home/usa/ky>
- Also do a google search for Chronicling America to see the Library of Congress historical newspapers.
- Google is also adding newspapers to their website: news.google.com/newspapers has alot of newspapers available digitally. You have to know the name of the newspaper you want to search. Find an index created by a society, public library, USgenweb state or county page may have an index.
- Check your public library to see if they have an interlibrary loan program where you can rent the information to your local public library.
- Check with the university to see if they can search them for you. You could also contact a genealogical or historical society in the area that may help you.
- Public libraries have been digitizing their newspapers. They now have them on their website. It is easier for them to do that so you can see if your ancestor shows up.

- Check the recorder of deeds in states and counties where you're doing research. You can actually use the land deeds online instead of having to go to the courthouse or come to the library to use the microfilms.
- Library of Virginia website: Link to library of Virginia <http://www.lva.virginia.gov/> : Virginia Memory has a Digital Collection of items that are available from their website: newspapers, maps, photographs, land office patents and grants.
- If you're not finding them in the county deeds, you will need to check for the first sale of the land by the government. The Bureau of Land Management website: www.glorecords.blm.gov/ : has an index to these. This includes land sales and homestead sales. These sales also include proprietors. They have research links for each of the states on their website. Also land surveys, etc. Patent may show if the land was given as a military bounty warrant. Records can be ordered from the National Archives.
- Digital Public Library of America <https://dp.la/> is good for finding digital collections which have 'migrated' to areas outside Kentuck